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Arrangements for accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

Note by the Secretary-General

In its decision adopted on 21 March 2014 concerning the arrangements for accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the preparatory process and in the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (see A/CONF.223/PC/L.1), the Preparatory Committee of the International Conference decided, inter alia, that "non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference, and whose work is relevant to the subject of the International Conference, may participate as observers in the International Conference as well as in the preparatory meetings, in accordance with the provisions contained in part VII of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, and subject to the approval of the plenary meeting of the Preparatory Committee." In the same decision, the Committee also stated that the secretariat, with support from the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, would "be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of requests for accreditation to the conference" and would "review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, in particular in the process of follow-up to the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation."

The secretariat received 53 completed applications by the 12 May 2014 deadline and has organized the requests into three separate annexes. Annex 1 contains the list of the non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended by the secretariat for accreditation. Annex 2 contains the list of submissions that were not evaluated by the secretariat because the organizations: (a) were Government entities; (b) were already in consultative status with the

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Council or had been accredited to the previous conferences on the sustainable development of the small island developing States held in Barbados and Mauritius; or (c) were not eligible for accreditation with the United Nations. Annex 3 contains the list of submissions not recommended by the secretariat because: (a) the organizations did not meet the criteria established in part VII of Council resolution 1996/31; or (b) the competence of the organizations in activities relevant to the work of the Conference could not be established based on the information provided. Details on each organization are available from the following web pages:

- Annex 1: www.sids2014.org/content/documents/316Annex%201.pdf.
- Annex 2: www.sids2014.org/content/documents/317Annex%202.pdf.
- Annex 3: www.sids2014.org/content/documents/318Annex%203.pdf.